

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A deodorant composition comprising, as an active component, a colored compound obtainable by reacting a polyphenol in a solvent showing alkalinity in the coexistence of oxygen molecules at a reaction pH value of 6.5 or more.

2. (original): The deodorant composition according to claim 1, wherein an oxygen molecule supplying amount during the reaction is 1 mg/L or more.

3. (original): The deodorant composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the reaction temperature is in the range of 0 to 60°C.

4. (currently amended): The deodorant composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein a metal ion is further added to the reaction system and the reaction is carried out.

5. (currently amended): The deodorant composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, wherein the polyphenol is a polyphenol having an o-diphenol structure.

6. (currently amended): The deodorant composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, wherein the polyphenol is hydroquinone.

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7. (original): A deodorant composition comprising, as an active component, a colored compound obtainable by reacting a plant extract containing a polyphenol but containing substantially no amino acid in a solvent showing alkalinity in the coexistence of oxygen molecules at a reaction pH value of 6.5 or more.

8. (currently amended): The deodorant composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, wherein an amino acid is further added to the reaction system and the reaction is carried out.

9. (original): The deodorant composition according to claim 8, wherein the amino acid is an α -amino acid.

10. (original): A deodorant composition comprising, as an active component, a colored compound obtainable by reacting a plant extract and/or a plant body containing a polyphenol and an amino acid in a solvent showing alkalinity in the coexistence of oxygen molecules at a reaction pH value of 6.5 or more.